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*Gospel Centered*  
CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*

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*Covenant's Mission Statement*  
Covenant seeks to glorify God by  
*Establishing* Disciples biblically,  
*Engaging* Culture redemptively,  
*Expanding* Christ's Church faithfully.

*Covenant's Values*  
Covenant is *biblical* by affirming the Bible as the  
authoritative Word of God,  
*connectional* by affiliating with the Presbyterian Church  
in America (PCA),  
*confessional* by adhering to the Westminster Standards,  
*missional* by seeking to spread the Gospel worldwide, and  
*relational* by encouraging families to build community.

*"For I am a great King, says the LORD of hosts,  
and my name will be feared among the nations, says the LORD of hosts."  
Malachi 1:14b*

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship  
by reflecting on Malachi 1:14b printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

1 Chronicles 16:28-31

*<sup>28</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD  
glory and strength!*

*<sup>29</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and  
come before him! Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;*

*<sup>30</sup> tremble before him, all the earth; yes, the world is established;  
it shall never be moved.*

*<sup>31</sup> Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them  
say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!"*

Invocation

Hymn

*"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near,  
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been  
granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
ponder anew what the Almighty will do,  
if with His love He befriend thee!

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,  
decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.  
How oft in grief hath not He brought thee relief,  
spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.  
Let the Amen sound from His people again;  
gladly for e'er we adore Him.

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The Sacrament of Baptism

Jackson Warren McCray  
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*“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”*

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast unmeasured, boundless, free,  
rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me,  
underneath me, all around me is the current of Your love,  
leading onward, leading homeward to Your glorious rest above.  
Oh the deep, deep love, all I need and trust  
is the deep, deep love of Jesus.

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, spread His praise from shore to shore,  
how He came to pay our ransom through the saving cross He bore;  
how He watches o’er His loved ones, those He died to make His own,  
how for them He’s interceding, pleading now before the throne.  
Oh the deep, deep love, all I need and trust  
is the deep, deep love of Jesus.

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, far surpassing all the rest,  
it’s an ocean full of blessing in the midst of every test.  
Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, mighty Savior, precious Friend,  
You will bring us home to glory, where Your love will never end.  
Oh the deep, deep love, all I need and trust  
is the deep, deep love, of Jesus.

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Scripture Reading

Hebrews 13:7-16

Jason Van Goor, Ruling Elder

*<sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God.  
Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.*

*<sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.*

*<sup>9</sup> Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is  
good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods,  
which have not benefited those devoted to them.*

*<sup>10</sup> We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no  
right to eat.*

*<sup>11</sup> For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into  
the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are  
burned outside the camp.*

*<sup>12</sup> So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the  
people through his own blood.*

*<sup>13</sup> Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the  
reproach he endured.*

*<sup>14</sup> For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to  
come.*

*<sup>15</sup> Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise  
to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.*

*<sup>16</sup> Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for  
such sacrifices are pleasing to God.*

Corporate Profession of Faith

Deuteronomy 6:45

*4 "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.  
5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart  
and with all your soul and with all your might.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

William Fennell, Deacon

Hymn

*"How Great Thou Art"*

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy pow'r thro'out the universe displayed.

***refrain:*** *Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:  
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee:  
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

When thro' the woods and forest glades I wander  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

***refrain***

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.

***refrain***

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art.

***refrain***

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Corporate Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus, give us a deeper repentance, a horror of sin,  
a dread of its approach. Help us to flee it.

We have no Master but You, no law but Your will,  
no delight but Yourself, no wealth but what You give,  
no good but what You bless, no peace but what You bestow.

We are nothing but what You make of us,  
we have nothing but what we receive from You.

We can be nothing but that grace adorns us. Quarry us deep, dear  
Lord, and then fill us to overflowing with living water. Amen.

Individual Prayer and Meditation (silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Micah 7:18-20

- <sup>18</sup> Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love.*
- <sup>19</sup> He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.*
- <sup>20</sup> You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.*

Hymn

*“His Mercy Is More”*

What love could remember, no wrongs we have done;  
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum.  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore;  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

***chorus:*** *Praise the Lord! His mercy is more.  
Stronger than darkness, new ev’ry morn;  
our sins they are many, His mercy is more.*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam;  
what Father, so tender, is calling us home.  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;  
our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

***chorus***

What riches of kindness He lavished on us;  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.  
We stood ‘neath a debt we could never afford;  
our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

***chorus***

***(2nd time chorus)*** *Praise the Lord! His mercy is more.  
Stronger than darkness, new ev’ry morn;  
our sins they are many, His mercy is more.*

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Scripture

Malachi 1:6-2:9

- <sup>1-6</sup> “A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am a father, where is my honor? And if I am a master, where is my fear? says the LORD of hosts to you, O priests, who despise my name. But you say, ‘How have we despised your name?’*
- <sup>7</sup> By offering polluted food upon my altar. But you say, ‘How have we polluted you?’ By saying that the LORD’s table may be despised.*

- <sup>8</sup> *When you offer blind animals in sacrifice, is that not evil? And when you offer those that are lame or sick, is that not evil? Present that to your governor; will he accept you or show you favor? says the LORD of hosts.*
- <sup>9</sup> *And now entreat the favor of God, that he may be gracious to us. With such a gift from your hand, will he show favor to any of you? says the LORD of hosts.*
- <sup>10</sup> *Oh that there were one among you who would shut the doors, that you might not kindle fire on my altar in vain! I have no pleasure in you, says the LORD of hosts, and I will not accept an offering from your hand.*
- <sup>11</sup> *For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering. For my name will be great among the nations, says the LORD of hosts.*
- <sup>12</sup> *But you profane it when you say that the Lord's table is polluted, and its fruit, that is, its food may be despised.*
- <sup>13</sup> *But you say, 'What a weariness this is,' and you snort at it, says the LORD of hosts. You bring what has been taken by violence or is lame or sick, and this you bring as your offering! Shall I accept that from your hand? says the LORD.*
- <sup>14</sup> *Cursed be the cheat who has a male in his flock, and vows it, and yet sacrifices to the Lord what is blemished. For I am a great King, says the LORD of hosts, and my name will be feared among the nations.*
- <sup>2:1</sup> *"And now, O priests, this command is for you.*
- <sup>2</sup> *If you will not listen, if you will not take it to heart to give honor to my name, says the LORD of hosts, then I will send the curse upon you and I will curse your blessings. Indeed, I have already cursed them, because you do not lay it to heart.*
- <sup>3</sup> *Behold, I will rebuke your offspring, and spread dung on your faces, the dung of your offerings, and you shall be taken away with it.*
- <sup>4</sup> *So shall you know that I have sent this command to you, that my covenant with Levi may stand, says the LORD of hosts.*
- <sup>5</sup> *My covenant with him was one of life and peace, and I gave them to him. It was a covenant of fear, and he feared me. He stood in awe of my name.*
- <sup>6</sup> *True instruction was in his mouth, and no wrong was found on his lips. He walked with me in peace and uprightness, and he turned many from iniquity.*
- <sup>7</sup> *For the lips of a priest should guard knowledge, and people should seek instruction from his mouth, for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.*
- <sup>8</sup> *But you have turned aside from the way. You have caused many to stumble by your instruction. You have corrupted the covenant of Levi, says the LORD of hosts,*
- <sup>9</sup> *and so I make you despised and abased before all the people, inasmuch as you do not keep my ways but show partiality in your instruction."*

*“The Necessity of Honor in Worship”*

Hymn

*“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*

Come, Thou fount of ev'ry blessing,  
tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
hither by Thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wand'ring from the fold of God:  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be;  
let that grace now, like a fetter,  
bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
seal it for Thy courts above.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Notes

*“The Necessity of Honor in Worship”*

Malachi 1:6-2:9



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